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WEDNESDAY EVE, DEC. 16, 1891.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Danz & Son, Tailors. GRACE EMMETT to-night. SMOKE the Little Rose cigars and you will be happy. SMOKE the old reliable K. & W. cigars. mac25-dtf

But the White Loaf flour and you will get the best. HARRY MILLER, the sweet tooth-filler, north and Central Block. dec-24lm

Turn new over on the Citizens Line in No. 20. It will be out in a few days. The Grand Opera House, made by Kock & Weigand, are the best in town. dec-24lm

NIT COAL, delivered, \$1.90 per ton. Telephone 108, 89 or 227. D. O. O'Connell Coal Company. oct12-dtf

W. A. Ooms' restaurant on North Water street is the place to get square meals and good lunches. BLANK & GRASS is the place to buy your Parquet, Wall Paper and Window Shades. apr25-dtf

If you can't find what you want for a holiday present, go to the 9th Floor. 21st

The favorite pianos and organs are those on sale at C. B. Prescott's music store. Call and see the elegant display. FINE Books, tasty books, cheap books, books for all, at the City Book Store. 15-d&w

The best of buckwheat flour and maple syrup, also turkeys and poultry for Christmas at Cool Bros' store, 217 North Main street. NICE clean, homelike bedrooms at Honch Bros' cheaper than you can make them. dec12-d&w

An immense stock of Calendars, plain or finely illustrated, at the City Book Store. J. H. Devans. 15-d&w

HANKS & Co., will sell you excellent groceries and will deliver all orders promptly to any part of the city. TURKISH PRUNES, 5 cents a pound, at May & Churchman's, 211 North Water street. d1d1w

The Deatur agent for the Remington Standard Typewriter is J. J. H. Young, at the Remington office. d1t

BEAUTIFUL MANTLES, at very reasonable prices, at Lytle & Eckels Hardware Company. d1t

\$1.60 for the Best Cabinet Photos, at Chicago Studio, 249 North Main street. Try them. ELIZABETH perfumes bottles with white silver caps, at the City Book Store. 15-d&w

OTHERS by the can at Wood's. oct12-d&w

ENCOURAGE home industry by purchasing the Elhart & Co. Deatur made candies—all the fancy grades. 11-1w

The finest Ice Skate in the market—the Long Reach Club—priced from 60c up, seven styles in ladies' and gents', sold only by H. Mueller & Sons. d&wlm

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USE Deatur nut coal at \$1.80 per ton, delivered. Send orders by telephone. Call up Nos. 89, 109 or 227. oct12-dtf

BUSINESS lunch at Wood's. d&wlm

WANT not patronize home industry, if you can do so well or better? To be convinced of this call at Deatur Trunk and Box Factory, No. 300 North Water street. 5d2w

DRESSED and live poultry at Chas. Snyder's new poultry market, No. 241 East William street, just east of the Masonic Temple. Telephone 517. 11-1w

SPECIAL trunks and sample cases made to order; repairing neatly done. Deatur Trunk and Box Company, No. 300 North Water street. 5d2w

SOL SMITH RUSSELL has achieved a triumph this season in his new play, "Peaceful Valley," that has never been excelled by any comedian in America. At the Grand to-night.

Don't fail to see that fine line of suit cases, dressing cases, toilet sets, cuff and collar boxes, hat boxes, etc. Deatur Trunk and Box Company, No. 300 North Water street. 5d2w

FOXY styles of Cuff and Collar boxes, at reduced prices at Irwin's Pharmacy. JENNIE, get your air gun of H. Mueller & Sons. They have the finest line in the city. nov24-d&wlm

ALFRED DOWNS, colored, will be hanged in Charlotte, N. C., Friday for stealing a syringe. Stealing a syringe in North Carolina seems to be a greater crime than treason.

This harsh, drastic purgative, once deemed so indispensable, have given place to milder and more skillful prepared laxatives; hence the great and growing demand for Ayer's Pills. Physicians everywhere recommend them for constipation, indigestion, and liver complaints.

GRACE EMMETT's new play the "Palace of New York," is given the most elaborate stage setting ever given in a melodrama, all the scenery for the play being carried over to the wings and borders, "clear everything" is the order given to the theatre stage manager by Yank Newell, Miss Emmett's business manager. At the Grand to-night.

"FAME" she languish in the languid moon, while Porphry upon her face doth look, and Porphry who has swelled it so. When he finds it is neap tide, however, he does not lose his head, but having twenty-five cents in his inside pocket invests in a bottle of Salvation Oil.

Endorsed by the people as a safe, reliable harmless and cheap remedy. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Toilet Sets. We would call special attention to our stock of toilet sets, manicure sets, shaving sets, blacking sets, perfume sets, collar and cuffs boxes, photograph boxes (something new) and plush boxes filled with paper and envelopes. All new styles, but bought so low that we can sell them lower than anyone else in town. Don't buy until you have seen ours. SAXON & ANDREWS. 15-d&w

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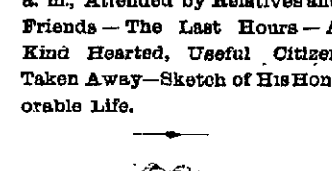
DR. A. C. WALTE, DENTIST. OFFICE—Over "The Star" military store, 211 North Water Street.

Children Cry for Fitch's Castoria.

AT REST.

Death of Ira B. Curtis at the Hotel Brunswick.

He Passed Away Quietly (at 1:35 a. m., Attended by Relatives and Friends—The Last Hours—A Kind Hearted, Useful Citizen—Taken Away—Sketch of His Honorable Life.



The sufferings of Dr. Ira B. Curtis, with paralysis of the stomach, came to an end this morning at 1:35 o'clock at his apartments in the Hotel Brunswick, where he passed away in death, quietly and peacefully, without a struggle, aged 88 years. There was no man in Macon county more widely known or had a greater number of personal acquaintances than Squire Curtis. He had lived in Colusa, Christian and Macon counties nearly all his life, the greater portion of the time in Deatur, and in early life and in his prime, having been a practicing physician, he was a familiar figure in many sections in this part of the state. It was also known that for a period of nearly thirty years Dr. Curtis had been a sufferer from total paralysis of the lower limbs—an affliction which made him helpless, causing him periods of intense suffering at intervals, and requiring him to remain in a rolling chair. The attacks became more severe and frequent of late years, and despite the fact that a number of the best physicians of the city were brought to his aid during his last illness, none could afford him relief. He became unconscious, and only at brief intervals was it apparent that he could recognize those who were at his bedside, and in the end he fell asleep peacefully as a child.

The doctor was in his office for the last time on Monday, Dec. 7th. He was then feeling very poorly, but it was his custom to attend to his duties as justice of the peace, even while suffering intense pain—all in hope that relief would come at any time; but the usual remedies failed to alleviate the pain and ward off the coming of the silent reaper.

Dr. Curtis was a self-made man, and had accumulated more than a competency by his personal industry and systematic methods of business. He brought these qualities into the school room, into his medical practice, into the county treasurer's office and into the office of justice of the peace. His death removes from our midst one of the best justices of the peace Deatur ever had. Business men and litigants will miss him. He possessed a good knowledge of the law, and in the disposition of questions and cases brought before him he always balanced the scales of justice evenly and justly, and always did the right thing. He seldom if ever made a mistake.

In his dealings with his fellow men, Dr. Curtis was ever generous, charitable and sympathetic. No person in want or distress ever applied to him for assistance in vain. He loved to make people happy, and rejoiced in the prosperity of his friends and neighbors. In his home life he was ever social and amiable. He was never happier than when surrounded by congenial companions. He was especially fond of children who made friends with him at once.

The funeral will take place from the residence of O. B. Curtis, No. 359 West Deatur street, on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 2:30 p. m. Rev. James Miller and Dr. E. W. Moore officiating.

IRRA B. CURTIS was a native of Delaware county, Ohio. The family from which he descended settled in Connecticut previous to the Revolutionary War. His father, Carlos Curtis, born in Connecticut, lived in Ohio until 1835, when he came to Illinois with all of his children, locating at first at Round Prairie, near Springfield. In 1836 he entered land in Giles county south of Oakland, where he died in 1844, aged 81 years. Dr. Curtis was born October 18, 1803, and was in the 88th year of his age. He was 12 years old when he came to Illinois. He secured an education in the imperfect country schools of his boyhood in Ohio, in Sangamon and Coles counties. At the age of 17 years deceased's father gave him permission to leave home and make his way in the world on his own account. He had but 25 cents in money, and with that sum in his pocket he started from Coles county for Deatur on foot. On his arrival here he made his home with his sister, the wife of Kirby Benedict, then a Deatur lawyer, afterward chief justice of the territorial court, dying in New Mexico. The winter of his arrival in Deatur Dr. Curtis attended school in a frame building which then stood on East William street. In the same class were Ex-Governor R. J. Oglesby, Henry Eliott and "Doc" Martin. In the spring of '42 he went back to Coles county to study Latin with a teacher near his home. Unfortunately the teacher was called away by illness in his family, and Dr. Curtis took charge of the school. He pleased the directors so well that he was employed for the full term of nine months. He returned to Deatur in 1843 and began the study of medicine with Dr. Joseph King, still a resident of Deatur. He read medicine for a year and a half and began practicing in the town of cases of malaria. In 1846 he entered the University of Missouri at St. Louis, and graduated in 1849. He served his apprenticeship with Dr. King and located at Taylorville, Ill., June, 1849. June 10, 1849, Jane Butler, daughter of William Butler, of Deatur, became his wife. Dr. Curtis practiced medicine at Taylorville seven years; he had a heavy practice, and frequently made long journeys on horseback at 25 cents a mile to

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Taffy, our own make, fresh every day, at Wood's. d2d1f

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A 90-horse power Atlas engine for sale cheap. See want column. 16 d2

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Over 100 styles in Japanese silk handkerchiefs, some are beautiful, all are cheap, at Roach Bros'. d12 d&w3w

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An elegant line of traveling bags in alligator, seal and grain leather at Decatur Trunk and Box Company's, No. 300 North Water street. 5d2w

This correctness of the maxim "nothing succeeds like success" is well exemplified in Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The most successful combination of alteratives and tonics, it always succeeds in curing the cases of the blood, and hence its wonderful popularity.

Every law-abiding citizen should be at the meeting next Thursday night and hear Mr. Hayward, of Chicago, secretary of the Chicago Law and Order League. 16 d2

S. M. Lutz informs us that he has taken the agency for a beautiful and useful article for everybody, and especially for the ministers, lawyer, doctor, musician and teacher. If you are undecided as to what you will give your friend for Christmas he invites you to call at his store and see a sample of this useful article on Thursday. 16d2w1

See the beautiful display of fine leather and silk gloves, tie, handkerchiefs and photograph holders, at the City Book Store. J. H. BEVANS. 16 d2w1

The Elevated Railroad scene in the "False of New York," showing two trains crossing in opposite directions in front of Cooper Institute, New York at night, while Polly and Sammy Snapper are seen hanging from the trestle to save themselves from being dashed to pieces, while the train is thundering overhead at full speed, is one of the most realistic and exciting scenes upon the stage.

R. R. RANDALL, general agent for A. Phillips & Co., who personally conduct tourist excursions to California, called to see us today. We enjoyed it very much, because he is an old friend, and second, because he explained to us how these excursions are managed, and the patronage they receive. A. Phillips & Co. have been engaged in the tourist excursion business for the last ten years. They live in Los Angeles, Cal., and personally conduct these excursions from Boston to Los Angeles, Cal. They are now running a car from St. Louis over the Wabash, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Denver & Rio Grand and Southern Pacific. This makes the most beautiful and scenic route in America to California. The cars are clean and neat with

good, clean bedding, curtains, and facilities for making coffee and tea, or heating water, good wash rooms and an attentive porter who looks after the wants of his patrons. The Wabash agent, O. A. Pollock, can give you all the information you will want by calling on him in our city.

LOUIS OSTERHIMER, who has been the popular head bartender at the Andrews Exchange, St. Nicholas hotel, has purchased the Olmsted stand at 642 East Eldorado street, where he would be glad to meet his old and new friends. 1t

WILLIAM DODSON, the mail transfer clerk at the Union depot, slipped on the wet sidewalk at his home on East Eldorado street this morning and badly injured his right shoulder. The injury is not serious, but will cause a great deal of annoyance for several days.

This funeral of the late Ira B. Curtis will occur to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his son, O. E. Curtis, on West Decatur street, Rev. James Miller officiating.

MARRIAGE banns were issued to day to James F. Kazar and Miss Meta E. Paxton, of Decatur, and to Joseph A. Crawford of Greeley, Colo., and Miss Mary E. Smith, of Cairo, Geo.

This afternoon Prof. R. B. Leonard and daughters, Dick Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cassell left for Taylorville, where the first Leonard Assembly in that city will be held to-night.

This evening at the Baptist church James F. Kazar and Miss Meta Paxton, will be united in marriage in the presence of friends and the members of the Christian Endeavor Society.

THE new large bandstand you see hanging around town came from the car that Geo. W. Ehrhart & Co. received to day.

GRACE EMMETT will be seen at the Grand Opera House to-night in her popular play the "False of New York."

Inspecting Dunham Post. Dunham Post, No. 141, G. A., was inspected last night by Assistant Inspector W. G. Cochran, of Sullivan. The inspection showed a most prosperous condition of the Post. Probably in the history of the organization this Post never showed a greater percentage of members with their dues fully paid up. This is largely due to the efficiency of Major Hays as a post quartermaster. He kept the "boys" reminded of their arrearages and in this way succeeded in securing payment. The increase of membership as shown by the reports was also gratifying. There was a very full attendance of members. After the ceremonies of inspecting the Post, which included a muster, speeches were made by Inspector Cochran and Captain Johnson of Geo. H. Thomas Post, Chicago, who was present.

The installation of officers for Dunham Post will occur at the first meeting in January.

The Circuit Court. The only cases which received attention to day were the following:

CHANCERY DOCKET. Josiah Abbott et al vs William Bradley et al. Chancery. Leave to amend bill and continued.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET. People vs Herman Bolt. Selling liquor to the bribe. Trial by jury pending. The jury are due today at 10 o'clock.

People vs Geo. Hays. M. H. Allen, H. D. Dunham, W. G. Cochran, M. H. Allen, J. M. Korman, H. O. Griffin, A. L. Draper, Judson Droblich, B. K. Vaughan and Oliver Harbert.

Death of P. R. Marquart. P. R. Marquart, of Atlanta, Ill., well known to many Decatur people and also many in Central Illinois, on account of his prominence in politics, died Monday night at his home. He was one of the most wealthy and influential men in Logan county. His funeral occurred to-day at 2:30 o'clock.

Diad of Grief. Mrs. Aten Lytle who was called to Kansas, Ill., by the death of her uncle, Thomas Paxton, was detained several days longer than expected by the sudden death of Paxton's wife, who passed away the day following her husband's death, through grief. It was a double funeral. It occurred yesterday.

Two Deaths in One Family. Yesterday, Charles, aged 5 years, son of John Norak, died of diphtheria, at the family home, No. 542 North Stock street. The infant child of Mr. Norak died to day of the same disease, aged 18 months. The double funeral will occur to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

PERSONAL MENTION. Miss Mary French is on the sick list.

L. L. Race, has returned home from Chicago.

Mrs. J. J. Peddicoord is visiting friends in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. J. A. Bone, is confined to her home with an attack of the grip.

Dr. W. B. Hosteler visited Mr. Zion to-day on professional business.

George and Charles Batties and E. B. Tuttle have returned from a trip to Look out Mountain.

C. W. Davis, of Nevada, Mo., is in the city visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Davis, on West North street.

Rev. O. B. Torrey will be present and lead the prayer meeting to night at the Baptist church subject, "Our Deliverer."

J. P. Nicholson left to day for Atlanta in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his cousin, J. R. Nicholson.

George Hines, who has been sick at his home in Mt. Zion township, is so very low that his recovery is considered doubtful.

Miss Matthe Babcock will give a reception to night at her home on Johns Avenue, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicholas.

Mrs. W. B. Caldwell and Miss Ryder, of Monticello, were in the city last evening to witness the performance of Sol Smith Russell.

Mrs. Lizzie Macbroom, of Storm Lake, Iowa, is home for the holidays. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Jesse Fisher on West North street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ewing are both down with the grip at their home on North Water street. Mrs. Ewing has been sick several days.

Mrs. R. L. Walcott, accompanied by Teddy Hitchcock, May Badenhausen and Hutton Andrews, went to Sullivan this morning to spend the day.

The Shoemaker left last night for Toledo, where he will meet Mrs. May Brown on her return trip from a protracted visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Miss Bertha Randall, of Northampton, Mass., will arrive here this evening, to remain during the holidays. She will be accompanied by Miss Gracie Horton, who is attending the same college.

Invitations have been received by Deaton, to serve as bridesmaid, Mrs. Hadden announcing the marriage of their daughter, Stella B. Hadden, to Arthur B. Alexander, of this city, on Thursday next, December 30th, at 8 o'clock, at Grace church, Sandusky, Ohio. Miss Hadden was formerly piano teacher in the Decatur Musical College, and is well and popularly known in this city.

The "A. L. Long" car will leave for Chicago at 8 o'clock, on Monday, and will be at home at about January 20th, in Decatur, Ill.

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JUDGE CLARK SHOT.

Attempted Assassination of the Illinois G. A. R. Commander at Mattoon.

Struck by Three Deadly Bullets—Frank Hornish in Jail.

Much excitement was caused in Mattoon yesterday evening by an attempt to assassinate, and the serious wounding of Judge H. S. Clark. Judge Clark was on his way to his residence from his office when he was attacked by Frank Hornish, who also resides at Mattoon with his wife and child. Hornish opened fire on Clark with a revolver. He fired four shots, three of which took effect. The first bullet struck him in the cheek, making a slight wound. The second struck him in the thigh, between the hip and knee, passing almost through the leg. The third hit him in the left arm, about three inches below the shoulder, and lodged far in the arm. The fourth shot missed Hornish fired at close range, and as soon as he fired the first shot Clark grappled with his assailant and did all he could to disarm him, and although a powerful man did not succeed until he had been seriously wounded.

Hornish is a patentee of a device for cleaning boilers, and has interested a local company at Mattoon in manufacturing the same. Hornish is eccentric, and has been a party to a great deal of litigation, and at one time was arrested in this county on the charge of forgery, and was released on bond signed by Judge Clark, who was his attorney. Recently he became an enemy of Clark's, and has declared he would kill him, but that he had not done so because he feared the life of other men, among them being Mayor Kern, of Mattoon. Hornish was arrested and lodged in jail, and Judge Clark was taken home, where his wounds were dressed, and he was made as comfortable as could be under the circumstances.

Judge H. S. Clark is the present commander of the Department of Illinois G. A. R., and is a candidate for the nomination for Governor.

HORNISH KNOWN IN DECATUR.

The world's murderer of Commander Clark is known to many Decatur people. He is remembered as a man of slight build, nervous temperament and somewhat visionary. He has had dealings with various Decatur citizens, chiefly boiler makers and those owning steam boilers. He has been in the Decatur jail for alleged crooked dealing with Ferdinand Feldt, who had him arrested in May, 1888. The charge was obtaining \$240 from Feldt by false pretenses, claiming that he had five acres of land in Cook county, Illinois, worth \$2000, whereas Feldt made affidavit that the claim was untrue, and that he had been defrauded of the amount stated. The late Justice Curtis issued the state warrant, and Constable Dillehalt made the arrest. In default of bail Hornish was committed to the county jail May 25, and three days later Hon. Horace Clark came over from Mattoon, had the bail reduced to \$400, and then became security for Hornish who got out of prison. The docket shows that the day set for the examination was June 1, 1888, but on that day no one appeared for the prosecution and Hornish and his bondsmen were discharged.

Crowded the Grand.

The Grand was literally packed last night from parquette to gallery, every box occupied, chairs in the aisles and standing room taken. It was one of the largest audiences in the hall seen there on this or any other occasion drawn thither to see the inimitable and only Sol Smith Russell in his new play, "Peaceful Valley," a story of quiet domestic life in the country and city, portayed by Mr. Russell and his very clever company, each and every one excellent in their characters. Russell is never anything but Russell in every play he is the popular hero—smooth, witty, and when need be expressively angular and hideously quaint. His *Hosier's* power is one of his best personages. We remember him as *Yach* in "A Poor Relation," in his character in "Bewitched," in "Edgewood Folks," and in the old days when he did his specialties with the Berger family, but now he is in the zenith of his fame, and the people never grow weary of his original style and his infectious fun. Why? Because Sol never fails to touch the heart. His work has elevated the stage. He goes into home life, and gives familiar domestic pictures which, speed with touches of humor and pathos, never fail to produce a wholesome effect. In response to a double encore last night Mr. Russell delivered a neat off hand speech before the curtain during which he spoke of his mission, and expressed his gratitude for the presence of so large an audience, and as the curtain fell on the last act he further displayed his joy, genial and hospitable nature by inviting all who should venture near the "Peaceful Valley" to "drop in on mother."

Investigation Held.

The T. H. & P. and Illinois Central of Decatur held an investigation at Arcola yesterday in reference to the recent accident at that place in which Engineer Woodruff lost his life. It was a collision on the crossing of the two roads. The officials present were General Manager I. H. Burgoon, Cashier F. M. Hobart and Transmitter J. H. Hess, of the T. H. & P., and Superintendent Rodger Transmitter, Linton and the master mechanic of the Illinois Central railroad. The T. H. & P. people claim that the engineer of that road had the right to the crossing, which the Central train approached, colliding with the T. H. & P. train. The Illinois Central company will review the evidence offered, and then a statement of liability will be made public.

SECRET SOCIETY MEETINGS.

MASSIVE. Special communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. Masons, this (Wednesday) evening. 7 o'clock. G. W. E. MILLER, W. M. H. HORTON, Sec.

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